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Take the Office of Sheriff the Howling of the Wolves

through their own under-manipulations the fear of ment is removed. But does this remove the stain of the Times in degrading the legality of this primary when you knew and The knew it was illegal and was them beforehand rendered so. remember the spectacle of an er, thick set and stockily built, black-marked face showing the of a demon, beating a poor, senseless, drunken boy over the head with a revolver. These are some of the many things that the Flint Ray sheriff and it is that the people remember these things, as it shows the insincerity of this bunch of political throats that are trying and will continue to try to hamper Flint as sheriff.

Is this not true and are not these ringsters trying to deceive the people again when they lay the claim of fraud at Flint Ray's feet? Now, let's get the incentive of this miserable attempt to set you against Flint Ray. Do you not believe that it was intended to mislead you and to detract your attention from things that the Times and her sponsors would like to leave in the dark? Not satisfied with their effort to throttle the will of the people with an illegal primary, they now, like the hypocritical pharisees they are, attempt to besmirch the name of an honorable man to cover up their own crookedness and misdeeds. Now, let's turn some attention to this trinity, Sexton, Holt and McMahon. Are their hands clean, and are their deeds the deeds of the righteous? No doubt Arthur Cates, O. L. Hicks and The Times would tell you yes and that they are good men and true. But what about it? Did not the saintly Sexton stalk into office over the political corpse of his friend Dawson. Time or inquiry will tell you, gentle reader, the route he stalked and verily the snake's trail is not straight. But at that did not Sexton's friends have a good argument? They argued that he had only had two terms and that he had spent the had made and more votes to retain him and that if he lost the pompous Holt, who was the peacock, only he has a tail on his upper lip; he in his effort to uplift mankind and put the Republican party on a firm foundation, implored Flint Ray's friends to take his money and spend it for Holt and Ray or Holt and anybody else. He, like almost every one else, saw the hand writing on the wall; he saw that there was no chance to stem the tide of sentiment that would surely carry Flint Ray into office, and he, like his twin brother in corruption, Sexton, was willing to cast off his friend Dawson in order to save his own dirty hide. Now, seriously, is it not a fact that the every political attainment of these two men has been gained

by the wanton use of money and a scality.

And Baby Oscar, the sallow-faced disciple of Hooper. Lets see what motive has he to traduce Flint Ray. Does he not want to go to the legislature on a bogus nomination? Would he not like to detract attention from his many offices and his administrations? Would he rather not have the public talk about Flint Ray than to talk about his filching contracts for printing from his superiors, and perchance, in the mean time, he might latch on to another office or another contract?

Now, seriously, people, the appalling part of this miserable attack on Flint Ray is that this bunch of crooks would have the guts (excuse the expression) to jump on any man for any kind of political crookedness, even they knew it to be true. You know and they know that Flint Ray was elected sheriff fairly and that he will assume the office with as clean hands as any man who has graced this office in a life time. The people who know Flint Ray best are his best friends and have the utmost confidence in him. The past election shows that his associations has drawn to him friends from his associates, regardless of politics. Flint Ray is an honorable, upright man. His past life and present standing proves this. He was elected sheriff by the people, public sentiment demanding it. He was elected without the campaign fund as charged by The Times. He has in him the making of a good officer. He is deserving and an honor to our citizenry and the good people held up his hands. Flint Ray will be sheriff regardless of the howling of the wolves. Citizens, Democrats and Republicans, you have done well.

Announcement.

Upon being solicited by a great number of voters of our county, from all parties, factions and affiliations, it is my pleasure to offer my name as a candidate in the general election of November 1914, to be voted for to represent you in the 59th general assembly of the State of Tennessee. In making my announcement I wish to say that I will be opposed by O. L. McMahon who received a so-called nomination in a farce primary held on the 14th day of last March, which, "so called primary," is familiar to you all. In this announcement I will not go into detail to outline the personnel of my opposition, but hope to be able to later do so to the satisfaction of all unprejudiced voters. I am a candidate of the people of Cocke county, and if elected will use all the ability at my command to represent you in an unbiased and unprejudiced manner. Hoping to meet each voter personally, or as many of you as possible, and make my views clear to you on the coming legislation, I am,

Sincerely yours,
C. F. BOYER.

CHARLEY LOVELL CIRCUIT COURT CLERK

Commissioners Decide That They Have Only Right to Settle Tie—Gorrell and Anderson for Lovell—Hickey for Price.

Standing by the nominee of the fraudulent primary of March 14 the two Republican members of the Cocke county election commission on last Monday voted for Lovell against Charley Price for Circuit Court Clerk. Lovell was nominated in March and Price ran against him as an independent Republican. At the regular election, August 6, each candidate received 995 votes. The law provides that the election commissioners shall settle the tie. Anderson did not participate in the general election and Gorrell made the statement that he did not vote as between the candidates for Circuit Court Clerk. Being the Hooper member of the commission, however, it is presumed he desired to be regular and do all he could to strengthen the court house and post office ring. In the general election Hickey voted for Price and again voted for him as election commissioner on Monday. Gorrell stated that neither Lovell or Price were qualified to fill the office, but that Lovell would at least have sense enough to appoint a deputy who could fill it. This is the first time we have ever heard that Price was not qualified to fill the office, but of course Mr. Gorrell knows, and then besides, he wants a man in the office who will not allow it to be used as a place of meeting for politicians. Then perhaps Lovell has agreed to stand by Baby Oscar in the November election. Any trade that would put Baby Oscar in the legislature so that he could hold up the hands of our civic righteous governor would be legitimate and then another reason which will not down is that if Baby Oscar is in the legislature Cocke county might come in for another big bond issue, and so goes the chain. There is consolation, however, in the fact that the people frequently discover the weak links in chains and snap them.

Mass Meeting of Roosevelt Supporters.

A mass meeting of every Roosevelt supporter in Cocke county is hereby called to meet at the court house in Newport, on Saturday, August 24th, 1914, at 1 o'clock, for the purpose of electing a new Congressional Committeeman, and for the purpose of selecting delegates to attend a general delegated convention to be held at Jonesboro, Washington county, Tennessee, on August 29th, 1914, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress in the First Congressional District of Tennessee, and to transact any other business that may come before the convention.

All supporters of Roosevelt and his policies are requested to attend and participate in this convention. This, the 10th day of August 1914. J. M. HERITAGE, Committeeman for Cocke County.

HAVE HAD ENOUGH GUTTER-SNIPE POLITICS

C. F. Boyer Believes a Representative of the People Should Wear His Own Collar and be the Tool of No Man.

On the first Wednesday in November, 1914, there will be elected ninety-nine representatives and thirty-three senators to transact the business of the state in the 59th General Assembly. The people of Cocke county will then assemble at the various voting places and choose for themselves one of the ninety-nine representatives. This member is then in turn empowered to act as the agent of all the people in the county. This is a great responsibility, one, when assumed, that should be carefully guarded. This agent or representative should not go there as the pliant tool of any one man to do his bidding at the sacrifice of the people, but should give all the people a fair deal.

If I represent the people again I will endeavor to keep this part of the agreement, as I did before. We have had an overdose of gutter-snipe politics in the county and state. We should endeavor to shun this kind of politics and instead of going at the beck and call of a boss, get down to business. This kind of politics is costing the down trodden, tax ridden people of the state millions of useless taxes. Creating one office after another to take care of politicians is not good business and should not be tolerated any longer. The poorer class of people, as a rule, pay for this kind of business, if you call it business.

Our bonded debt will be to take care of in the next legislature. The tax payers are digging out of the hills, hollows, and valleys \$300,000 of hard earned money that, if it had not been for small politicians in control of the state government you would not have been called upon to pay. They will come down from the high perch that they occupy at election times and call themselves "hill billies" until the election is over. Then they will push you aside until the next election. This class of politicians are only using you as an asset to be used at will.

As to my politics, I am not a stranger and as to the small slanderer telling you what I am, you will be the judge. The tax collector, when he comes to collect your taxes to pay for fire marshalls and other useless jobs, don't stop to inquire if you are a Republican of the old or new school; whether you are Democrats, regular or independent, or whether you are a Prohibitionist, or whether you are one that belongs to the huxterbund. He has come for the taxes past due and if you have nothing but a pungar gourd hanging on the wall he taken it and sells it for your taxes. Choose ye whom you will have to serve you. Respectfully,
C. F. BOYER.

Rev. W. S. Neighbors preached two very strong sermons here Sunday. He is one of the most convincing and attractive preachers to be found in this country.

BIG SPECATCULAR HOME TALENT PRODUCTION

Pirates of Penzance Comic Opera—To be Given at Denton Opera House Thursday and Friday Nights, August 27 and 28.

No more interesting and delightful entertainment could well be devised than the forth coming offering of the famous Pirates of Penzance by our home talent singers, next week.

Arrangements are going forward with much interest and a very excellent production is confidently expected.

There is to a chorus of young ladies, as English girls, a chorus of wicked Pirates who are to steal these beautiful and charming girls, and are about to marry them, but they are to be rescued by the brave policemen. The Pirates are to be pardoned because they are found to be noblemen, but gone wrong, and as they have fallen in love with these beautiful girls, they marry them and live happy ever afterward. Can you blame them?

The cast of characters is being well chosen, enlisting many of our very best singers. There is to be, between the acts, some very choice and delightful numbers by about 60 children, boys and girls and misses, representing the Sunflowers, Rosebuds, Cowboys and Indians.

The entertainment is rated in other cities as being of a high order, and was written by Sir Arthur Sullivan, the famous English composer, who has written so many charming hymn tunes for church service, notably "Onward Christian Soldiers" and others.

Mr. Albert L. Baker has charge of the general direction of the production, under the auspices of the amusement committee of the M. E. Church, south.

A Few Thoughts—Baby Oscar

Parrottsville, Aug. 15.

Editor Plain Talk:

Baby Oscar, in the Times of last week began his assault on Boyer. We have read it. The people understand the situation. When Messrs. Holt and Sexton paid Susong \$500.00 for the privilege of saying what should be printed in Plain Talk until after the November election, and bought out the Times, they felt sure they could run Baby Oscar over the people rough-shod and keep his record from being uncovered. Controlling the Times, which is now edited by the baby, and with this \$500.00 muzzle on Plain Talk, which they thought would stay, they thought they could easily send the baby to the legislature. But the people got wise, the well paid for plans failed and the baby is up against it. They will show that because they can control jobs of printing the benefit of the Times goes to no reason why he can control voters of this county. Wait and watch the result of the November election. ANTONIO

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Ruble left Tuesday morning for a two weeks stay in New York buying goods for Ruble Bros.